

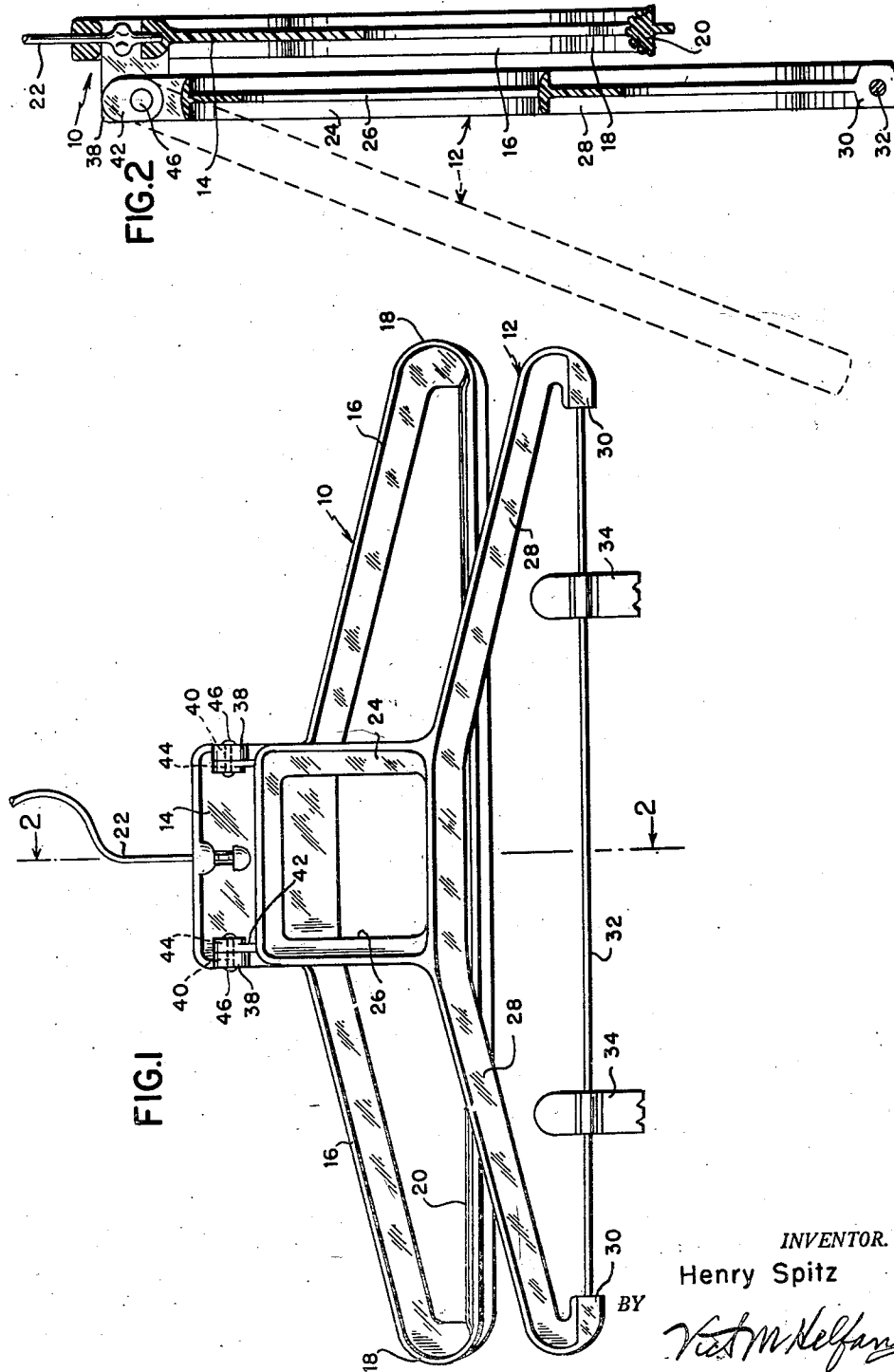
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The present invention relates to garment hanging devices, particularly to the type of garment hangers which may support a plurality of garments of different types, and especially to garment hanging devices having multiple hanger members which are suspended by a single, common suspension means from a bar or a wall hook.

Garment hanging devices having multiple hanger members commonly supported have heretofore been known. However, such hanging devices of the prior art have not proven entirely satisfactory and have not enjoyed great commercial success. Thus, some of the multiple member garment hangers of the prior art have had their several component hanger members connected to one another in tandem, one below the other. Such arrangement tends to support some of the garments at a too low level, interfering with the use of the bottom space of a closet or wardrobe; often bringing about the dragging of the lowermost garments on the floor and soiling them; and precluding their use in luggage or other limited spaces.

Other multiple member garment hangers of the prior art have their hanger members supported at about the same level but are pivoted on one another along intersecting planes, whereby the hanger members are disposed at an angle to one another and rest upon one another. This arrangement makes their use relatively unhandy, causes compression of the supported clothes against one another and tends to have the hanger members project to snag adjacently hung clothes.

It is an object of the present invention to provide garment hanging devices of the character described in which the hanger members are supported at substantially the same level, so that all of the garments draped or supported thereon will hang at normal, conventional height, without obstructing the bottom space of a closet or wardrobe and without dragging on the floor and making their use in luggage practical and desirable.

It is another object of the present invention to provide garment hanging devices of the character described in which the hanger members are disposed in spaced parallel relation to one another, thereby avoiding any snagging tendency, reducing the tendency of the supported clothing to press against one another and providing a device that is of neat appearance and is compact both, when in and out of use.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide garment hanging devices of the character described which are of simple construction and easy and economical to produce and assemble.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of the garment hanging devices of the present invention will become more readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the embodiment thereof shown in the accompanying drawing and from the description following. It is to be understood, however, that such embodiment is shown by way of illustration only, to make the principles and practice of the invention more readily comprehensible, and without any intent of limiting the invention to the specific details therein shown.

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In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of one embodiment of a garment hanging device of the present invention, shown with the suspension hook partly broken away; and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the same, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1; the broken lines indicating a tilted position of one of the hanger members.

Referring now in greater detail to the accompanying drawing, the garment hanging device therein illustrated comprises a first or primary hanger 10 and a secondary hanger 12, pivotally supported thereon. The hangers 10 and 12 are both shown as being primarily molded of synthetic plastic material; but it will be readily apparent that they may be each or both made of any other suitable material conventionally used for the purpose.

The hanger 10 comprises a neck portion 14, of preferably substantial width, and side or shoulder portions 16, extending outwardly from a preferably lower portion of each side edge of the neck portion 14. Each of the shoulders may be formed with a rounded end portion 18, and the two end portions connected by a cross-bar 20, in a conventional manner.

Suspension means, such as suspension hook 22, may extend from the upper edge of the neck portion 14 of the hanger 10. Such hook may be integrally formed with the neck portion 14 or may be secured thereto or set thereinto, in any desired conventional manners, as in the manner described and claimed in U. S. Patent No. 2,310,058, of which I am joint inventor, as illustrated in the drawing.

The second hanger 12 also comprises a neck portion 24, of preferably substantial width, formed preferably with a hollow center and with a straight top edge, 26, and side or shoulder portions 28, extending outwardly from preferably a lower portion of each side edge of the neck portion 24. The shoulders 28 may be formed with curved ends terminating in relatively thick, inwardly extending and facing rod portions 30, into which may be set a wire bar 32, that may slidably support the spring garment clasps 34.

The two hanger members are pivotally connected to one another in a manner whereby they normally hang side by side, in spaced parallel planes. This may be accomplished by providing one of the hanger members, as 10, with a pair of spaced, parallel ears 38, each extending preferably from the upper part of a side edge portion of the neck 14, substantially perpendicular to a side face of the neck 14, and each provided with an aperture 40, in alinement with the other. The second of the hanger members, as 12, is provided with a pair of parallel ears 42, extending upwardly from the upper edge 26, of the neck portion 24; the ears 42 being spaced from one another a distance to have them fit closely either between or about the ears 38, and each provided with an aperture 44, in alinement with the other.

The two hangers 10 and 12 are disposed with each of their respective ears 38 adjacent an ear 42, and with the respective apertures 40 and 44, of each pair of ears 38 and 42 aligned, and a pivot pin set into each pair of apertures, to thereby pivot the hanger 12 on the hanger 10, in spaced parallel relation thereto. The ends of each pivot pin 46 are peened to form the retaining heads at each end thereof.

This completes the description of the garment hanging devices of the present invention. It will be readily apparent that such devices are neat and compact; are easy to use and clothes may be readily draped or hung on them by spreading them tiltingly apart; that the garments supported or hung on them will not unduly press one against the other and will hang at approximately the same conventional level as with single hangers. It will also be apparent that the garment hanging devices of the

present invention are of relatively simple construction; capable of rapid and economical mass production and easy and economical to assemble.

It will be further apparent that numerous modifications and variations in the garment supporting or hanging devices of the present invention may be made by any one skilled in the art, in accordance with the principles of the invention hereinabove set forth and without the exercise of any inventive ingenuity. I desire, therefore, to be protected for any and all such variations and modifications that may be made within the spirit of the present invention and the scope of the claims hereto appended.

What I claim is:

1. A garment supporting device comprising a pair of molded synthetic plastic hanger members, one of said hanger members having a central neck portion and shoulder portions extending from each edge of said neck portion and having a pair of spaced integrally formed ears extending perpendicularly from the upper portion of a side face of its neck portion, the other of said hanger members having a central neck portion and shoulder portions extending from each edge of its neck portion and having a pair of spaced, integrally formed ears extending upwardly from the upper edge of its neck portion, the ears of each of said hanger members having horizontally aligned perforations formed therethrough and arranged to

interfit closely with the ears of the other, and pivot pins connecting said ears by said perforations for pivotally supporting said hanger members in spaced parallel overlying relation to one another.

2. The garment supporting device of claim 1, wherein one of said hanger members is provided with a suspension hook.

3. The garment supporting device of claim 1, wherein the first named of said hanger members is provided with a suspension hook extending from its neck portion.

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